

Clark County Coroner
1704 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106
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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of death: 0545 hours on October 2, 2017

Date of examination: 0230 hours on October 3, 2017

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Suzanne. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of blue jean shorts, a gray shirt, black bra, boots, and socks accompany the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY: None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed, well-nourished, [REDACTED] female appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 63 inches, and the weight is 117 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, nonblanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with red hair measuring up to 8 inches on the top of the head. The ears are normally formed with bloody drainage. The earlobes are pierced. The irides are blue, the corneas are clear, and the bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae are free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

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NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses. The breasts are symmetrical, and without palpable masses.

The abdomen is flat and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The atraumatic external genitalia are those of an adult female with a tampon present within the vagina.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are seen. There is orange-pink paint spatter on the posterior aspects of both hands and forearms. The fingernails are short and painted pink.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and without edema, amputation, or deformity. The toenails are trimmed short and painted red.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS):

Scars:

1. A 2 x 1/16 inch horizontal, linear scar under the right breast.

Tattoos:

1. A multicolor tattoo of a lion's head on the lower back.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There is a perforating gunshot wound of the head. The directions are stated with reference to the standard anatomic positions.

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PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF HEAD:

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the right side of the head. It is centered 2-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 3-1/2 inches right of midline. It is a 1/8 inch circular defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion. There is drying of the wound edges. There is no soot or stippling on the adjacent skin.

EXIT: There is an exit gunshot wound on the left side of the head. It is centered 3 inches below the top of the head and 6-1/4 inches left of midline. It is a 3/16 x 1/16 inch lacerated defect. A fragment of jacket is recovered from underlying the exit wound.

DIRECTION: Right-to-left, front-to-back and slightly downward.

GRAZE WOUND OF ARM:

There is a 1 x 1/2 inch graze wound of the posterior right wrist. It is centered 20-1/2 inches below the top of the shoulder and 1/2 inch left of midline.

PROJECTILE:

A metallic projectile is recovered during processing of the decedent.

SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Subclavian blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.123 g/100ml).

HISTOLOGY: No tissue is retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of injuries and projectile are taken.

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RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show projectile fragments in the head as well as skull fractures. Also noted is a metallic material in the area of the radius and ulna on the right.

OPINION

Based on the examination findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is **gunshot wound of head**, and the manner of death is **Homicide**.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED] year-old female, [REDACTED] died as a result of gunshot wound of head.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.



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